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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the membership requirements for early
2 childhood Iowa area boards.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256I.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The early childhood Iowa functions for an area shall be
4 performed under the authority of an early childhood Iowa area
5 board. The initial members of an area board shall be elected
6 officials or members of the public who are not employed by a
7 provider of services to or for the area board. ~~In addition,~~
8 the However, for subsequent members, an area board's bylaws
9 may provide that not more than twenty percent of the area
10 board's voting membership may consist of persons who are
11 employed by a public agency provider of services to or for the
12 area board. The bylaws shall include provisions to reduce
13 the potential for conflicts of interest among such members.
14 The membership of an area board shall include representation
15 from early care, education, health, human services, business,
16 and faith interests, and at least one parent, grandparent,
17 or guardian of a child from zero through age five. For the
18 purposes of this paragraph, "public agency" means any agency of
19 state government or a city, county, school district, or other
20 political subdivision of this state.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill relates to the membership requirements for early
23 childhood Iowa area boards. Under current law, membership is
24 limited to persons who are either elected officials or members
25 of the public who are not employed by a provider of services to
26 or for the area board.

27 The bill provides that the limitation applies to the initial
28 members of an area board, and for subsequent members the
29 board's bylaws may provide for up to 20 percent of the voting
30 members to be employed by a public agency provider of services
31 to or for the area board. The bylaws shall include provisions
32 to reduce the potential for conflicts of interest among such
33 members. The term "public agency" is defined to mean any
34 agency of state government or a city, county, school district,
35 or other political subdivision of this state.